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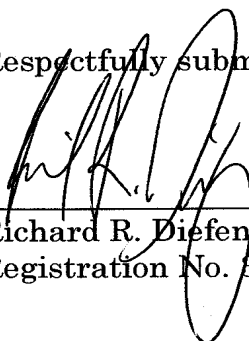
Claims 7-24 remain in this application. Claims 1-6 were previously canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The comments provided in section 5 on page 2 of the Office Action are noted with appreciation. It appears that the Examiner intends to refer to all of claims 7-24 in this section. The claim amendments above are made following consideration of the comments provided by the Examiner in sections 3-4 of the Office Action, and all of the claims in this application should now be in allowable condition.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 095309.57256US).

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